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1. AMBASSADOR UPON HIS RETURN TO PARIS FROM THE CARACAS MEETING OF FRENCH AMBASSADORS TO LATIN AMERICA, FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT HAD THE FOLLOWING TO SAY ON FRANCO-AMERICAN AND EC RELATIONS ACCORDING TO AFP:

2. "THE ACCUSATIONS THAT CERTAIN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS HAVE MADE AGAINST ME DID NOT PARTICULARLY BOTHER ME. I CONSIDER THEM TO BE PETTY MEANNESS AND LITTLE CALUMNIES" HE SAID. HE THOUGHT THAT THE FRANCO-AMERICAN POLIMIC WAS A RATHER UNPLEASANT, PASSING DISTURBANCE AND THAT ONE SHOULD REFRAIN FROM EXCESSIVE LANGUAGE.

THE FRENCH POSITION AS DEFINED BY THE GOVENMENT SPOKESMAN WAS, HE SAID, "INSPIRED BY REASON AND MODERATION".

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JOBERT ADDED THAT DURING THE MEETING NEXT WEEK IN

LUXEMBOURG OF THE EC-9, "WE WILL DECIDE ON THE FORM OF
RESPONSE WHICH IT APPEARS IS EXPECTED OF US, ALTHOUGH I
FOR MY PART CONSIDER THAT WE OURSELVES HAVE MADE A
PROPOSITION WHICH IS FRIENDLY AND REASONABLE AND THAT IN
REALITY IT IS RATHER OURSELVES WHO HAVE THE RIGHT TO
EXPECT A RESPONSE."
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